

REMARKS

To further the prosecution of this application, Applicants are filing this Supplemental Amendment (in supplementation to the Amendment filed on August 23, 2004) so as to distinguish claim 41 more thoroughly over published European Patent Application No. EP 0 702 301 A1, cited in the IDS submitted on January 22, 2004. That reference does not disclose or suggest operating a bus arbitration module to inter-couple master busses and slave busses so as to permit first and second bus masters to simultaneously access first and second resources.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicants hereby request any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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